



TEVRA TIMES - September 2010

FROM THE BOSS!

No prizes for guessing what the topic of conversation is in and around Kaiapoi at the moment. Thank you to all of you who have contacted us to make sure we are alright. I am so glad to say that we are one of the lucky ones with no structural damage or water leaks just a few broken ornaments and pot plants etc.

Training lately has been rather intermittent with wet weather and other circumstances but now we are into all the shows hopefully things will run somewhat smoother. For those of you who are involved with all the shows please make sure that your dogs are not only fit but are also getting the best fuel for the job.

Huge congratulations to Carol Moeser and Tallan on obtaining their tracking title at the weekend. This is a huge achievement for them. A lovely article from Carol is further in this newsletter.

As you will also read later in this newsletter Tevra trains 6 of the 10 members of this years Southern Region Team for the NDTA at Taupo in October. This is a very good achievement and one I am very proud of so good luck to all of you.

Well that is the lot for this time. By the time you get your next newsletter it will contain information on our Christmas break up. How scary is that??

Regards
Janice



CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



Congratulations

First of all we would like to express our congratulations to Debbie & Campbell, Julie-Ann & Santo, Chris & Kimba, Gretchen & Mani, for passing their intermediate assessments on July 24th. They are now with the boss in the Advanced Class. Congratulations also to Megan & Oscar, Steve & Keisha, Jane & Kley, and Chris & Kimba again for passing Elementary. Well done Chris on passing two certificates in one day

Grooming

For those of you who wish to groom your dogs yourself, I have found this website which will help you with some knowledge.

http://www.ehow.com/videos-on_198_groom-dog.html

Boredom Buster

Check out this web site.

http://www.dogslife.com.au/dogs_life_articles?cid=9443&pid=146584

Thursday Training

Training for Elementary in the hall finishes on the 16th of September and will be replaced by Friday night at Ouruhia Domain at the same time of 6.30pm starting on the 1st of October which will be the first week of daylight saving. There will be no training on the 23rd September. If anyone has a problem there is training Saturday mornings at 10.30am. Failing that contact me with any worries you may have. Any Saturday morning Elementary people who would prefer Friday night let me know & I will try to sort out numbers.

Intermediate Classes

Would you be keen to change your time over summer to 7.30pm on a Friday night? That would get it over with and keep the weekends free. Let me know.

Advanced Class

All Advanced classes will now start at 9.15am on a Saturday morning commencing the 25th of September with an assessment of the first part of the syllabus set down for Saturday 20th November. This is exercises no's 1 – 9 plus 14 and 15 so you had better get working on it if you do not want to be left behind !!!

The Advanced class will have a Rally training session on the 11th September with Gail at 10.00am. There may be further agility or rally training on the 18th September but I will confirm this nearer the date.

Barbara

TEURA AGILITY TRAINING

It is great to see all the certificate class members doing so well introducing and training their dogs on the agility equipment, as part of their certificate course. Well done!

Beginners Pre-Agility Training

Pre-agility is for dogs between 12-18 months old (and often older dogs to help with the basic experience of agility). This class introduces agility - jump basics, learning a simple weave, some 'contact' training, and tunnels.

I will start a new group in late September if there is interest.

Saturday mornings, (note - there will be no training due to adverse weather conditions &/or shows)

Beginners Pre-Agility: 9.15am - 10.15am

Please contact myself or Janice if you are interested

The full four week cost is \$40.

Advanced Pre-Agility Training

This session continues with a dedicated and fun group of dogs and their handlers. Hope everyone is having fun.

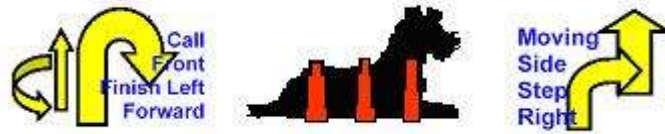
Cost: \$10.00 per session.

Advanced Pre-Agility: 10.30am - 11.45am

Contact Linda George Linda.George@xtra.co.nz

Or Janice Kirk kirkj@clear.net.nz





RALLY-O REPORT

We now have the go ahead for Rally to run at Ashburton alongside the Mid-Canterbury Canine Obedience Club obedience and agility tests. Anne Benson and Cynthia Muir will be judging Novice, Jean McClymont and Jo Miller judging Advanced.

One weekend we held our Amberley training at Ruth Hodgkinson's house and it made a pleasant change to the muddy domain. As you can see from the photos a course can be laid out in almost any situation!



Thank you Ruth (and for the cuppa halfway through!!)

We also visited Trish and Tim's home and had a lovely time there with the course going round the trees!!
Thanks guys.

DOMESTIC TRAINING

Everyone is coming on very well with their training, and the classes are becoming quite social as people get to know each other. If you see someone training with us who you don't know – don't be shy – go up and introduce yourself and have a chat - after all you all have something in common – Rallyitis!!



TRIALS

CCOC: Congratulations to all the entrants in July's competition. It was a great day (despite being very cold) with some good scores. Everyone enjoyed themselves – which is what Rally is all about!!

SCDTC: A good weekend at Timaru in August despite Saturday being even colder than CCOC!! Unfortunately there were placings only to 3rd place, otherwise most of the Tevra dogs would have been 4th or 5th in the lineups (though I'm happy to say that Robbie made 2nd in Advanced A!). The standard of the Tevra dogs in relation to the others was high (of course I'm prejudiced!) but I did receive some very positive comments about our dogs' abilities. Then of course there were the two clowns – dogs who shall remain nameless but chocolate and puffball come to mind!! The only way the chocolate was going to get over the jump was with the handler also going over – and nearly canning out on landing!! However, they had a great time as did everyone else!!

Gail



COMPETITIVE TRAINING NOTICES



GUESS THE JAFFAS

Many thanks to Gail Langdon for her Jaffa donation which raised \$60.00 towards our Tevra fund (who would have though SO many of you had a sweet tooth!) And the winner was Jeanette Miller. The current balance in that account is now \$119.02, having purchased an Oz Tent as well as the sides. This is for use by all our members at the shows.

NDTA SOUTHERN REGION TEAM

Congratulations & good luck to the Tevra contingent who make up part of the S.R Team for this year's NDTA in Taupo at Labour Weekend. We have Julie Donovan & Max (Special Beginners), Heather Lauper & Bailey and Roxanne Ramsay and Baillie (both Novice), Margaret Van Oosten & Esther (Test A), Jo-Anne Donachie & Chloe (Test B) and Carol Lavery & Morgan (Test C) representing the South Island in the hard fought Inter Region Team's Event. The team coach this year is none other than me ("The Boss")

TEVRA TEAMS EVENT

Our 'Teams Event' which was held on Sunday 15th August was once again a huge success with 10 teams of 3 entered. It was especially pleasing to see our new puppies competing for the first time. The winning team was made up of myself with Bramble, Katie Todd with Hugo and Susan Cosgrove with Hunter.

The Test Winners were:

Elementary - Linda George with Luka, Special Beginners - Babs Prout with Dazzle, Novice - Roxanne Ramsay with Baillie, Test A - Marilyn Hengst with Bailey, Test B – Janice Kirk with Bramble and Test C - Dawn Prattley with Mayiah

We had hoped to have the photos included but Jo's computer is out of action along with most of her house.

CLARKVILLE HALL TRAINING

Thursday evening hall training will cease on 16th September and will be replaced by Friday afternoon and evenings at Ouruhia Domain.

DEAR FRIENDS



Nemo and Happie are enjoying our new home in America. We miss our friends in Christchurch, but we are making new friends here. The other day when I realized, Happie was in my next-door neighbors' property, playing with three Yorkies there, one of whose name happens to be Nemo. I don't know how she got there, but I was happy to see her making friends. My workplace is dog-friendly, too. I met many of my new colleagues through dogs before I even started working.

Maybe because I'm happier, Nemo is a little different now. She used to eat very little, but she eats a lot now. She even begs for more food after finishing her bowl. She used to sleep in until after 9am, but now she gets up at 6:30am, goes outside with Happie, and chases birds, rabbits and squirrels. That's their morning duty now.



We miss you all and hope you are enjoying every day as much as we are.

Nemo, Happie, and Reiko

BULLET'S BULLETIN FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ.

Well not much has happened since the last newsletter. I got another pass in UD and won the ring with a score of 192. So only 2 more to get until I'm an Australian Champion.

Last weekend we had a trial, Mum got us up at 3.45am and we were in the car by 5am & had to be at the grounds by 6.45am. It was two trials in one day..... it seemed like a good idea at the time Mum entered. We got to the ground to see that the ground had not been mown, there were tufts of grass, dog poo, duck poo and rabbit poo all over the ground. When it was my time to go in to the AM ring, the first exercise was a seek back. When mum said "SEEK" to me, I jumped forwards and put my nose down and did not know what to do, so I just stood there looking at her. In the PM ring I did a great seek back but with the directional jumps I did the first part very good but on the second I got to the box and stood there. Mum had to tell me "box" again and that was it all over. Not to worry, only one dog got a pass over the two trials in UD.

There was lost of entertainment at the trial.....like in the sit stays dogs were falling over as they were trying to reach the duck and rabbit poo. One dog in the lower test was getting dragged around as it was eating the duck and rabbit poo and the dog was not Howie!! One dog tried to give the judge the dumbbell, then it realised it was giving it to the wrong person and changed direction and ran side ways. It crashed into its owner and nearly knocked itself out. OOPs sorry Howie, I told them, but it was funny at the time. That was in the PM trial but you were a good boy in the AM trial and got a pass in novice. Howie only has one more pass to go until Open and he is working well.

Rebel is doing training rounds and trying to get his confidence up in the ring. In Open your Mum (or Dad) is not allowed to talk to you much. The only words Mum can say is heel at the beginning, down, sit & stand. It's all off lead and you do all 3 passes and all 3 position. You also have a dumbbell retrieve on the flat and over the jump with a drop on recall.

Winnie is driving us boys all mad! She has just came into season. She will come up to us boys and jump around and say come hearthen she will bite us. Even if I ignore her she will bark at me, then bite me. Grandma Lindsay has found her a nice husband to have babies with. Winnie is training well in UD as well but I think she will be having a holiday in a few week if she get pregnant.

Well that's all from me, keep all your fingers and toes crossed for me so next time I do my news you all can call me Australian Champion Likabullet.....or the other name I like is Sir Bullet.

Wove Bullet.

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T. CH. TALLAN C. C. D

He did it!! Tallan became a Tracking Champion yesterday. This is the highest tracking award you can achieve. For the uninitiated, the tracking worlds equal to an obedience championship. Tallan only started competing in May this year and went on to quickly achieve his Tracking Dog Title in three trials. I then decided that maybe we would try for his Tracking Dog Excellent Title - he again achieved this in three trials and again without any failures. Boy was I chuffed with him. I then made the very human error of going for that 'just one more'. The Tracking Championship is a very BIG step to take from T.D.X. and experience told me that both he and I needed a little more time to concentrate on distraction to birds, hares, large crickets or in fact anything else that may take his interest. But no, the tracking season was fast approaching its conclusion so I pushed on (silly woman I hear you say and you are so right). The first attempt he flushed a covey of quail (twice) on the first leg and it just blew his mind and he went straight through the first turn. We were called off and that blew my mind and confidence. On his next attempt, he tried to start not once but twice or even three times the Judge told me, and guess what, I didn't go with him. In twenty years of tracking I have never been called off at the start, in fact with my last two Champions I never had a failure (or better still they never had a failure). Poor Tallan suffered because of my insecurity in him and my inability to read this little dog. Yesterday that all changed. The last two weeks have been very intense. We practised starts, turns, acutes, long legs, short legs. We practised in heavy populated parks where 'Joe blogs' and his dog were playing all over our tracks (decoys) we practised in snake infested long grass (really scary stuff), we practised in heat, we practised in rain. Unfortunately, we didn't practise in heavy wind, you guessed it, it was blowing a gale yesterday (probably a left-over from N.Z. earthquake!). It was strong enough to blow a dog off a chain! My smart, obedient little dog had a very difficult track (as a championship track should be) and passed in spite of his handler (me). Tallan is so different to my Curlies, he is obedient and gentle. I can unwittingly change his mind by thinking the track goes somewhere else, an unforgivable sin of the handler, thinking they know better than the dog. My advice to people I train is to "follow your dog" he is after all the only one who can follow those 'ghosts' but because this dog is very different to my other tracking dogs I lost confidence in him and nearly cost him his well deserved title. I am very proud of Tallan and his ability to overcome my shortcomings - I am sure he came home last night and told him kennel mates "guess what she tried to make me do today". Tallan has taught me humility on the track, and that I really didn't do a lot of handling of my other dogs, they were so determined and bloody minded and made all the decisions. Tallan is soft and compliant and it was like learning all over again, but together we achieved this highest of tracking awards, it really is his award; I was just along for the ride. I don't know about N.Z. but in Australia, once you have your Championship title, sadly you can not enter any more tracking competitions. I cannot help but brag a little so please

indulge me, Tallan has gained 4 Titles since May - Community Companion Dog (CCD) our first title on the obedience ladder, Tracking Dog (TD), Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) and Tracking Champion (T.Ch.) I love and adore this little dog, not because of his achievements, but because he always tries. He has taught me patience and a whole lot more about training that I thought I knew. It is true, you never stop learning. To all our Kiwi friends, we hope and pray you did not suffer too much in the quake, we are thinking of you.

Carol Moeser and T.Ch. Tallan CCD



Raw Dog Food Supplies

Some of you have enquired about the company selling the chopped up raw food for the dogs. The food is a mixture of horse, beef, rabbit etc although you can ask for a different mix. The cheapest way to buy it is in 25 kg lots for \$50.00. It come chopped into squares and frozen.

Nicks Pet Food Ltd, 14B Gerald Connelly Place, Sockburn, Ph 349 6587. Hours open are approx 8am – 4pm.